ORDERS

Set down by the Lord Provoſt, Baillies, and Council of* Edinburgh, *to be obſerved by the Conſtables thereof, in Diſcharge of their Offices within this City, and Liberties thereof.

Imprimis, The Conſtables being Elected by the Lord Provoſt, Baillies and Council, ſhall be obliged to accept the Charge and Office of Conſtabulary, under the pains of Impriſonment of their Perſons, and payment of ſuch an Un-law as the Magiſtrats ſhall think fit to Impoſe, and to remain in Ward ay and while the ſame be payed, and under the pain of Horning. And for diſcharging of their Offices, they are to be ſolemnly Sworn in preſence of the Lord Provoſt, Baillies and Council of this Burgh, and ſhall take the Oath following.

OATH.

That they, and ilk one of them, ſhall faithfully and truely diſcharge their Offices of Conſtabulary within the Bounds committed to their Charge, during the time of their Offices after their Admiſſion, and ſhall not for favour, reſpect, or fear of any Perſon, forbear to do that which becometh them in their Offices; And above all things, they ſhall regard the keeping and preſerving of the Peace, and ſhall at every neceſſary occaſion, come to the Lord Provoſt and Baillies of this Burgh, or any one of them, and give a due and true Information of any Breach, Tumult, or other inſolencies againſt the Peace, within their reſpective Bounds; and ſhall no ways hide, cover, nor conceal the ſame, nor any Probation or Light that they can give for clearing and proving thereof. So help me GOD, and by GOD Himſelf.

Item, A Conſtable ſhall have Liberty to take and apprehend any ſuſpected Perſon, idle Vagabonds, or Night-wakers, and Impriſon them, till they find Surety for their Behaviour, at the direction of any of the Judges, for Civils or Criminals, or the Lord Provoſt and Baillies of *Edinburgh*.

2. *Item*, A Conſtable ſhall have Power to challenge any Perſon within this Burgh, or Liberty thereof, that ſhall be found wearing Piſtols or Daggers, and ſhall preſent them before the Lord Provoſt, Baillies, or any one of them, to be puniſhed by them for their fault, conform to the Act of Parliament.

3. *Item*, Upon appearance of any Fray or Stirr within this Burgh, either by Day or Night, betwixt any Parties, or any other ſudden Accident that may fall forth, the Conſtable ſhall take unto him the Aſſiſtance of his Neighbours for ſeparating of the Parties, and for Ordering any inconvenience that ſhall happen to enſue, and ſhall take the Party or Parties, and commit them in Ward, or preſent them to the Lord Provoſt or Baillies: And if any harm ſhall happen to be done to the Conſtable, or any of his Aſſiſtants, the Conſtable ſhall take them and put them in Ward, and preſent them to the Lord Provoſt and Baillies, or any of them, to be accordingly puniſhed for their fault.

4. *Item*, If any Perſon or Perſons make any Plea or Tumult within this Burgh, and flee to any Houſe, the Conſtable ſhall have Power to break up the Doors thereof: And albeit the Party or Parties flee without the Bounds of the Conſtables Charge, yet the Conſtable may follow, and apprehend him or them in a freſh Purſuit, and commit them to Ward, to be Puniſhed for their Fault.

5. *Item*, The Conſtable ſhall take and apprehend all Vagabonds and Sturdy Beggers, or Egyptians, and put them in Ward, to be puniſhed for their Fault, according to the Act of Parliament.

6. *Item*, The Conſtable ſhall take and apprehend all idle Perſons, who have not a Calling to live by, and who will not take themſelves to ſome Labour, Trade, or Occupation, and ſhall preſent them before the Lord Provoſt and Baillies, who after Examination and Tryal, ſhall puniſh them according to their Crime and demerit.

7. *Item*, The Conſtables being informed of any Perſon guilty or culpable of Slaughter, Murther, Theft, or any other capital Crime whatſoever, ſhall then require his Neighbours to aſſiſt him, for the ſafe apprehending and conveying ſuch Perſons before the Lord Provoſt and Baillies, to be puniſhed for their fault.

8. *Item*, The Conſtable ſhall ſearch and ſeek the Bounds committed to his charge, and ſuffer no Vagabonds, Beggers, nor Infamous Perſons, to Remain, Dwell, or be Reſett in his Bounds, and if any be within his ſaids Bounds, he ſhall preſently inform the Magiſtrats, that they may be Puniſhed, and removed forth of this City.

9. *Item*, Ilk Conſtable ſhall concur one with another, at all occaſions needful.

10. *Item*, The whole Conſtables ſhall upon every laſt *Saturday* of every Month compear, and preſent themſelves before the Lord Provoſt and Baillies in the Council-houſe, to give an Accompt of their Diligence in their Offices, as they will anſwer upon their Obedience.

11. *Item*, Ilk Conſtable ſhall cauſe the Bounds committed to his Charge, be keeped clean of all kind of Filth, and Middings; And to that effect, for keeping of the Streets and Paſſages Clean, ilk Conſtable ſhall have Power in his own Bounds, after Tryal of any Perſon or Perſons caſting out Filth at their Doors, Windows, or Shots, either in the Fore-gate or Back-ſides, or laying any Filth, or Middings on the High-Streets, Cloſſes, or Paſſages within this Burgh, to cauſe the Perſon guilty to pay conform to the Tenor of the Printed Proclamation.

12. *Item*, Ilk Conſtable within his Bounds ſhall take and apprehend all Banners, Swearers, and Blaſphemers of GOD's Name, either in the Streets, Mercats, or at the Wells, and to Puniſh them, either by Warding, or putting them in the Joggs or Stocks, according to the quality of their Fault.

13. *Item*, That each Family ſhall be Poynded for their Children or Servants that Neſts the Stairs, Turnpikes, or Streets, Cloſſes, or Vennels of the City in four Shilling Scots.

14. *Item*, The Conſtables are hereby Impowered to uplift the reſpective Fines, incurred by the Inhabitants and their Servants within their bounds, conform to the Printed Proclamation, and are to give an account thereof to the Magiſtrats, and of theſe that ſhall Tranſgreſs, each *Munday* of the Week during the time of their Offices; which Fines are to be applyed, the one half to the Diſcoverers of the Perſons that ſhall be found to Tranſgreſs the ſaid Printed Proclamation, and the other half the Council Declares ſhall be applyed for gratifying of theſe that ſhall be found moſt active in diſcovery of the Perſons that Tranſgreſs the ſaid Printed Proclamation, according to the Pains taken by them from time to time, as to the ſaid Diſcovery.

15. *Item*, The Conſtables are frequently to go thorow their bounds, to the Dwelling-houſes within the ſame, and try if each Family hath ſufficient Veſſels for holding their Excrements and Foul-Water, conform to the printed Proclamation, and to poynd theſe in three Pound *Scots* that are deficient.

16. *Item*, The Conſtables in each bounds are to free the Magiſtrats of the Penalty and Certification, contained in the Act of Parliament anent the Cleanſing of the Streets of the City.

17. *Item*, If any Perſon ſhall refuſe or delay to concur with the Conſtable in executing of his Office, they ſhall be impriſoned, and ſeverely Puniſhed by command of the Lord Provoſt and Baillies, according to the quality of the Offence.

18. *Item*, The Conſtables ſhall be obliged to receive any Injunctions, or Statutes that the Lord Provoſt, or Baillies and Council ſhall enjoyn to them at any time hereafter. Extracted by me,

ÆNEAS M'LEOD, *Cls.*

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